

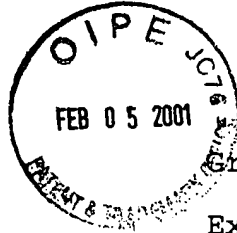
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

GERRIT J. KEESMAN

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BUFFER MANAGEMENT IN VARIABLE BIT-RATE COMPRESSION SYSTEM

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.116, in response to the outstanding Office Action dated November 1, 2000, wherein the Examiner rejected claims 1-12, and 14, all of the pending claims. Reconsideration of this rejection in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

REMARKS

The Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Examiner rejected Claims 1-12 and 14 as being anticipated by Kiriyama. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection on the grounds that Kiriyama does not derive "a second bit rate [B2] as a percentage of the first bit rate [B1], which percentage changes inversely in relation to changes in the first bit rate [B1] in order to transmit the